



# Family Engagement Plan

2019 – 2020

The Etoile Independent School District (EISD) believes that all parents, staff members, teachers, and community leaders play a critical role in the educational success of all students. We promote the involvement of these key stakeholders by having them provide input in regard to the services offered in our district in an effort to maximize the quality of education for all students in EISD. We have established a family engagement plan to increase the collaboration between all stakeholders. The active participation of parents, teachers, staff member, and community leaders in all aspects of students’ education is a valuable tool that is welcome and respected at all times.

Components	EISD’s Strategic Plan
<p><b>Facilitate Family-to-Family Support</b></p>	<p>EISD will include Parental Involvement activities to form campus-family relationships, and provide parents with opportunities to participate in our district initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Opportunities</li> <li>• Parent Conferences</li> <li>• Evening Hands-On Activities</li> <li>• The Site-Based Decision-Making Committee provides opportunities for parents to interact and network with other parents interested in supporting public education in our community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Establish a Network of Community Resources</b></p>	<p>EISD in partnership with Community and Faith-Based organizations will establish resources that provide services to the students, in an effort to equip parents and caregivers in identifying and appreciating the developmental growth of their child. Some of the resources will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIPS)</li> <li>• Get-Cap Headstart Program</li> <li>• Child Find – Early Identification of Students with Special Needs</li> <li>• Etoile Food Pantry</li> <li>• Nacogdoches County Lions Club</li> <li>• Nacogdoches Community Services Guide</li> </ul>

<p><b>Increase Family Participation in Decision Making</b></p>	<p>EISD encourages family participation in decision making. Their contributions are crucial to a well-rounded and well thought out plan that will facilitate support for all stakeholders and impact positive student achievement. Parents will be invited to participate and serve activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Site-Based Decision-Making Committee</li> <li>• Parent Surveys</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• Annual Title I Parent Meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning</b></p>	<p>EISD will provide home learning activities for families to engage in at home with children through information presented in newsletters, online technology, social media, parent/family-teacher conferences, or other school related events, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Activity Nights</li> <li>• Open House</li> <li>• Field Trips</li> <li>• Field Day</li> <li>• Offer full day Pre-K in conjunction with Get-Cap Headstart to all students in our district</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher Conferences</li> </ul>
<p><b>Develop Staff Skills in Evidence-Based Practices that Support Families in Meeting their Children’s Learning Benchmarks</b></p>	<p>EISD believes promoting and developing family engagement as a core strategy to improve teaching and learning among all educators and staff is critical to our district mission of “Developing Successful Adults, One Child at a Time.” The district will utilize various methods, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize Curriculum, “Creative Curriculum for PK” &amp; Teaching Strategies “GOLD”, assessments</li> <li>• PK staff to attend “Texas Early Childhood Learning Summit” each year offered</li> <li>• Develop staff skills to support families to meet their learning goals.</li> <li>• Develop effective communication strategies</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use Evaluations for Continuous Improvement</b></p>	<p>Use data to ensure alignment between family engagement activities/school teaching and learning goals and promote continuous family engagement, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Surveys</li> <li>• Use parent input to provide valuable information in the planning, development and implementation of programs for our district</li> <li>• Compile evaluation data and use it to plan and implement a more effective Parental Involvement Program for our district</li> </ul>